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## Gentlemen;

As a leading developer of hydrogen powered fuel cells and fuel cell powered vehicles, General Motors believes that enactment of the Hydrogen Transportation Wins Over Growing Reliance on Oil (H2 GROW) Act would be very helpful in speeding the commercialization of fuel cell vehicles. Fuel cells are an integral part of our advanced technology efforts to continue to improve the performance of the internal combustion engine, to market a broad range of hybrid vehicles designed for the American market, and to move aggressively towards hydrogen-powered fuel cell vehicles.

General Motors committed to be the first company to sell a million fuel cell vehicles. Our recently unveiled the Hy-Wire is the first vehicle to combine hydrogen powered fuel cells with drive-by-wire technology, and we hope to have significant numbers of commercially viable fuel cell vehicles on the road by 2010.

We believe the environmental and energy security benefits of the fuel cells provide ample justification for strong government action to support the commercialization of fuel cell vehicles and the development of a hydrogen infrastructure. The H2 GROW Act would help to overcome several barriers to commercialization of fuel cell vehicles. It will provide tax credits to help bring down the cost of fuel cell vehicles to consumers. It will create a Federal commission to identify regulatory barriers and other impediments to commercialization and make recommendations for how to address them. The federal fleet purchase requirements will help stimulate early demand for the vehicles. In addition, the Act will help the development of a hydrogen infrastructure that is one of the key enablers to making fuel cell vehicles a reality.

We look forward to working with you to as this legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,
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